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(26 Mar 1654) Raphe Cordan of [---------- was appointed] register by [----------] Easter Week being the 26th day of March in the year of our Lord 1654, the old register having departed this life and he and the [----------]
Raph Cordon being sworn before me the [----------] follerringe to keep aforesaid register of marriages births & burials according to an act of Parliament in that behalf provided bearing date the 24th Aug. the year of our Lord
1653. (signed) Edward Eardley, J.P. [Betley printed PR p72, the entry in the parish register is now mostly totally illegible]

Parish History

The Egertons are believed to have succeeded the original founders of the Betley Manor and the advowson of the Church also belonged to them in the 16th or 17th centuries. All these passed from them by sale to the Tollets, who were originally connected with the Navy, notable people and much beloved. [Betley printed PR]

(1795) Copy marriage settlement, to specified uses in consideration of marriage between Embury/Joliffe ... Advowson of vicarage of Audley and right of nomination to cure of Betley Church. [SRO D3272/1/22/7/1]

Betley [Pirehill] MANOR 17.10 (1086); 1332p; DEPENDENT PAROCHIAL CHAPELRY [♦DPC] (to Audley) (1532); St Margaret (Pevsner 1610); PRGR 1538+

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The chapelry of **BETLEY** was formed DATE (to ease) part (-----) of **AUDLEY**.

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(2013) THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY Nothing is known about the local impact of the Reformation. In the early 1600s the curate was Ralph Eaton (or Eyton), who was replaced in 1604 by a "pastor" Roger Barber.17 Barber presumably owed his position to the manorial lord Ralph Egerton (d. 1610), who left £100 to provide an annual income of £10 for a preaching minister and gave land for a house, and so secured Betley's separation from the mother church at Audley. Egerton also bequeathed £1 a year out of the tithes of Audley for the maintenance of Betley church, and in particular instructed his executors to 'repair' (possibly meaning to rebuild) the chancel.18 The new work was marked by an impressive wall monument for Ralph and his wife Frances, possibly commissioned by her as it stresses her lineage.19 In 1616 Frances also donated what was probably originally a three-decker pulpit, of which the bottom part survives.20 The gift of the pulpit may indicate that Frances Egerton had leanings towards puritanism: the curate William Paretree was presented in 1616 for administering communion to people who were not kneeling and for failing to read the Book of Common Prayer,21 and his successor from 1620, Ralph Hulme, was left an income as part of several bequests to preaching ministers in the area.1 Surviving churchwardens' accounts, however, indicate compliance in the 1630s with the reforms of Archbishop Laud, such as fencing the churchyard and improving the communion furniture.2 Communion was then celebrated during Easter week (including Palm Sunday and Good Friday), at Whitsun, and at least on two other occasions during the year.3 In 1638 the parishioners also paid for a new steeple, which then had a peal of bells.4 Ralph Hulme died as minister in 1653 and may not have been replaced, although a new register was started when a parish clerk was appointed in 1657.5 William Catiline had been appointed by 1664 but he was succeeded in the later 166os by Richard Bevington (or Babington),6 the curate in 1668 when the ejected Presbyterian ministers Philip Henry and Edward Lawrence preached in Betley church.7 They may have been invited by another ejected minister, Richard Steele of Barthomley, who was then living at Betley.8 A Presbyterian meeting house was registered under the Declaration of Indulgence in 1672, but in 1676 only two nonconformists were recorded in the parish in comparison with 254 Anglicans.9 By the end of the century there were at least two Anabaptist families, the births of whose children were noted in the parish register in 1698 and 1706.10 While John Beech (d. 1684) was the curate the church was whitewashed with lime in 1681 and royal arms set up," and in 1690 a new steeple was erected apparently under the direction of a Nantwich carpenter, John Clowes,12 only to be blown down the following year and rebuilt in 1693.13 The decision to build, apparently promoted by the new minister Daniel Sutton, resulted in a large debt, which was later taken over by a Sandbach feltmaker, John Shaw, who had to be paid off by the diversion of charity money.14 Perhaps because of this embarrassment Sutton, whose appointment had been made without the patron's consent, was replaced in 1694 by Nathaniel Williams,15 but in 1698 he too annoyed parishioners by presenting without the churchwardens' consent a detailed terrier listing the tithes and other offerings to which he laid claim.16 [VCH XI p119-120]

Description of Church

The church, is said to have been "one of the oldest in the county" but was largely rebuilt in 1610 and 1713. It was restored and enlarged 1841-2 to designs by Scott & Moffatt

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Type of incumbent

Parochial Curate

Patrons

Ranton Abbey

Tollet family
George Tollett 1851

Parish Registers

Bells

(1) God save Queen Anne 1711
(2) Charles & John Rudhall fecit 1784
(3) Abraham Rudhall Cast us all 1711
(4) George Salt gent William Shaw gent 1711
(5) Samuel Wood William Brittain Ch wardens

Special References

Principal Clergy

►**John Poynter OR Poynton e1482-a1532** **....-a1532**
Will (Lichfield) 12 Jul 1532
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs) ....-d

►**William Browne e1493-....** **1533**
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 1533

[? ►John Pickstock e1509-.... **1549]**
[? (?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)]
- (mentioned in the will of Thomas Sparry) 1549
- (mentioned in the will of William Bradshaw of Betley) ?1550

►**Geoffrey Heath e1508-1557** **....-a1557**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
Will (...) 20 Sep 1557
(Monk, Hulton Abbey, Staffs)
- (not listed) c1532 FAS
- (as Heth, signed surrender) 15 Sep 1538
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs) ....-d

►**Ralph Rane e1518-....** **1558-1561**
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 14 Jun 1558 & 23 Jun 1561
(Stipendiary Curate, Church Eaton, Staffs)
- (in office) 25 Jun 1573

►**John Huntbach c1539-....** **1573**
(ordained by Thomas Bentham, in office) 1559-1579
(Parochial Curate, Maer, Staffs)
- (paid subsidy of 6/8) 1569 & 1571
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 19 Jun 1573

►**John Kynnesley e1539-....** **1579**
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 8 Oct 1579

►**Hugh Tilston c1555-....** **1581-....**
(ordained priest by St Asaph *pro* Lichfield) 30 Mar 1580
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 23 Apr 1581
- ("Scholaris ruralis et mediocriter doctus")
- (in office) 1601

►**Ralph Eaton e1562-....** **1602-1604**
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 1602-4
- (had a salary of £7) [1602 return]
- ("No preacher, without orders, no degree, salary £8") [1604 return]
(**?Parochial Curate, Whitmore, Staffs**)

- (as clerk, signed parish register) 1604
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605

►Roger Barber c1576-.... **1604**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
b c1576 Bury *son of Roger Barber of Bury, Suffolk gentleman*
(educated at Bury, Suffolk)
(aged 16, admitted pensioner at Caius, Cambridge) 11 Oct 1592 [VENN]
(B.A., Trinity, Cambridge) 1596.7
(admitted at the Inner Temple) 1597
(M.A.) 1600
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (mentioned in parish register) 1604
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605
(Preacher, Ellesmere, Salop)
- (in office) 28 Aug 1616
(Preacher, Atcham, Salop)
- (in office) 12 Aug 1621
(Vicar, Atcham, Salop)
- (presented by Catherine Burton widow and ?Edris Burton a female)
- (instituted) 3 Oct 1622
- (in office) 14 Mar 1639
(Rector, Stapleton, Salop)
- (appointed) 20 May 1625
- (in office) 14 Mar 1639

►William Paretree e1576-.... **1616**
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616

Ralph Hulme (parochial curate of Betley) c1579-1653
Hulme, born about 1579, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade. On 18 Sep 1619 he was ordained deacon by Lichfield at Eccleshall. By 27 Apr 1620 he was in office as parochial curate of Betley. In his will dated 8 Nov 1625 William Cleyton of Radwood in Maer gentleman bequeathed him £1 pa. In 1631 Hulme was cited in a Cheshire consistory court for preaching without a licence at Harthill (? in Cheshire), attacking cathedral chapters as unnecessary, requesting more sermons be preached, denigrating singers of morning and evening prayers and asserting that the *Lord's Prayer* was no more holy than other prayers. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued at Betley as *compliant* minister. On 12 Dec 1646 the delinquent Randal Egerton of Betley esquire 1619-1681 settled £20 pa on Betley church. About 1649 it was said that Hulme's annual income was no more than £14 pa and that he had been for ?30 years "a painful preacher". A group of about 70 parishioners then requested that he be given the impropriation of the parish. Still in office he died, aged about 74, and was buried here on 3 Dec 1653. Hulme married about 1609 to Ann by whom he had 3 sons and 2 daughters.

Ralph Hulme (parochial curate of Betley) c1579-1653
b c1579 *of unknown parentage*
m [X FMP] e1609 Ann -----
i 3 Dec 1653 Betley; Will [X Lichfield/PCC]
chn: John Hulme c 18 Feb 1609.10 Betley
Thomas Hulme c 18 Jun 1615 Betley
Thomas Hulme c 8 Jul 1616 Betley
Ann Hulme c 1 Jun 1617 Betley
Dorothy Hulme c 28 Oct 1621 Betley

[X FOSTER/VENN]
(ordained deacon by Lichfield at Eccleshall) 18 Sep 1619
(parochial curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 27 Apr 1620
(compliant minister, Betley, Staffs)

From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued here as *compliant* minister

(20 Feb 1619.20/27 Apr 1620, Betley) Radus Hulme, curate
(8 Nov 1625) William Cleyton of Radwood [in Maer] gent. ... Item I give to Mr Mr Hodgkin of Meire twenty shillings yerely; & to Mr Ball of Whitmore twenty shillings yerely; & to Mr Houlme of Betley twenty shillings yerely, unless they have sufficient maintenance elsewhere. If theise three ministers mentioned either die, or have competent maintenance elsewhere, my will is that the saide summe of three pounds by distributed yereley to three preaching ministers at the discretion of my executors. Will (Lichfield) 8 Nov 1625/12 Jan 1625.6
(1631) Ralph Hulme of Betley (Lichfield Diocese) for preaching at Harthill [presumably Cheshire] without licence and attacking Cathedral Chapters as unnecessary and more sermons should be preached and that singers of morning and evening prayer daily were idle persons and that Lord Prayer was no more holy than any other - libel, responsions. [Cheshire Archives and Local Studies: Consistory Court Papers EDC5]
(1638) William Pawley ... Administration .. Ralph Hulme minister of Betley an administrator
(12 Dec 1646) 12 Decembris, 1646. Randolph Egerton of Betley in the County of Stafford, Esq., [Randal Egerton of Betley, Staffs esquire 1619-1681] to settle £70 per ann. for ever (viz.), £20 per ann. upon the Church of Betley, £20 per ann. upon the Church of Audley, £30 per ann. upon the Chappel of Talke [Talk-on-the-Hill]: for which he is allowed £705/10/0, and so his Fine of £1,411 is reduced to £705/10/0. *Setled*. [Shaw (1900) II p 486]
(3 Dec 1653, Betley) Raphe Hulme, clarke [buried]
(1915) 14 Hulme. On 12 Dec 1646 Egerton [Randal Egerton of Betley, Staffs esquire 1619-1681] was ordered to settle £20 pa on the church here. (Shaw II p486) About 1649 about 70 of the parishioners here beg for their minister, "who for these 20 (?3o) years has been a painful preacher amongst them" the impropriation of the parish which would amount to £30 pa excepting the tithes of the compounder Col. Egerton. (Compounding p3283) His present income was no more than £14 pa (Roy. Comp., 1 ser., vol. vii p705) [1915 p21]
(2013) and his successor from 1620, Ralph Hulme, was left an income as part of several bequests to preaching ministers in the area. fn 1 LRO B/C/11, Wm Cleyton (1625) [VCH XI p119-120] [but now see exact wording of will]

~~*1659 augmentatiuon of £20 not paid SHC 1915 p22*~~

►John Barton {Bartin} c1624-…. 1662
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
b c1624 *son of John Bartin of "Haukesley", Staffs commoner*

(as Bartin, aged 18, s. John of Haukesley, co. Stafford, pleb., matriculated from Exeter College, Oxford) 1 Apr 1642 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 22 Oct 1645
(ordained priest by Lincoln *pro* Lichfield) no date [CCEd]

(parochial curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (as B.D., then in office, subscribed) 24 Sep 1662 [CCEd]

(stipendiary curate, Market Rasen, Lincs)
- (as B.D., appointed *East Reason*) 210/10/1665[sic]

(20 Oct 1689) John Barton of Knowsley [?Lancs] B.D. [Lancashire Archives, Sacrament Certificates, QSJ/8/40/10]
(2 Fe6 1696) ... prebend of Westminster void ... John Barton B.D. ... fitt person to succeeed [INTERNET]

William Cataline (parochial curate of Betley) e1624-.... D22
Cataline, born perhaps about 1624, is of unknown parentage. He was probably only educated to literate grade.
He was presumably anglicanly ordained deacon and priest before after probable presentation by (the lord of the manor) Randal Egerton of Betley esquire 1619-1681 he was licensed parochial curate of Betley about 1663. He signed Betley parish register "Guliel Cataline, rector ibm" about 25 Mar 1664. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Betley constablewick but was not assessed there. He had been replaced in office by 25 Mar 1667. Cataline may not have married. [NB: In 1667 "William Cataline D.D." was said to be parochial curate of Horton. A William Catlin was vicar of Crambe, Yorks North Riding in 1641 and another William Catlin c1598-1673 was rector of Hargrave, Northants in the period 1623-1673.]

►William Cataline (Parochial Curate of Betley, Staffs) e1624-.... 1663-1666
b e1624 *of unknown parentage*

(Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- ("Guliel Cataline, Rector ibm" signed the parish register) c25 Mar 1664
- (as Mr., in office) 1 Aug 1665
- ("William Catlyn, Minister" certified the hearth tax) 1665 [1666 HT]
- (replaced in office) a25 Mar 1667

(Parochial Curate, Horton, Staffs)
- (as "William Cataline D.D.", in office) 1671 [Hutchinson (1893) p89]

William Catlin

(Vicar, Crambe, Yorks NR)
- (collated) 23 Dec 1641

William Catlin
Curate, Brumbley Maad[sic], Essex
(as M.A., subscribed to the Act of uniformity) 13 Aug 1662

William Catlin (Rector of Hargrave, Northants) c1598-1673
Adm *as William Catline clerk* (Northampton) 1673
[X DUBLIN/FOSTER/VENN]

(Rector, Hargrave, Northants) 1623-1649 1660-1673
- (presented by William Catelin armiger as true patron)
- (as M.A., instituted) 15 Jul 1623
- (as M.A., of Hargrave, licensed preacher by Peterborough) 31 Mar 1626
- (as M.A., subscribed) 6 Aug 1662
- (as Mr[sic] in office) 20 Jul 1664

(1675) Inheritance disputes index William Catlyn clerk v Martin Allen

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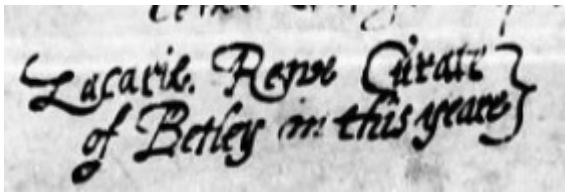
Zachary ?Reyve

(Zacarie ?Reyve Curate of Betley in this yeare", signed parish register) c25 Mar 1667



Name:Zachary RUE or REW
College:ST JOHN'S
Entered:1661
More Information:Adm. sizar (age 16) at ST JOHN'S, July 3, 1660. S. of Samuel, deceased, of Melton Mowbray, Leics. B. there. School, Melton Mowbray. Matric. 1661; B.A. 1663-4; M.A. 1667. V. of Liddington, Rutland, 1672. Died Jan. 3, 1723, aged 81. M.I. at Liddington. Father of John (above). (Rutland Mag., V. 40.)

y. In 1696, John surrendered it to the manor court to be given after his death to Zachary Rue Clerk, the vicar of Lyddington, and his wife Bridgett, John’s elder sister. It was stipulated that it was to go

from them ‘to the heirs of Zachary from the body of Bridgett procreated’. If Zachary and Bridgett had no children, the property was to return to John’s heirs. It is noteworthy that although Zachary Rue was the Vicar of Lyddington, he held no property there; his house and lands were all in Caldecott. Lyddington parish register indicates that Zachary and Bridget had two sons, Zachary and John, both baptised in Lyddington. However, by the time of his death in 1724, Zachary Rue appeared to have had only one surviving Lyddington masterrev.qxp_Layout 1 14/12/2015 12:29 Page 233 234 H O U S E H I S T O R I E S descendant, a daughter called Elizabeth, who had married Edward Halford (an apothecary) in Lyddington, in 1709. No record of her baptism has been found and it is possible that Bridget was not her mother; maybe Bridget had died and Zachary had married again. Whatever the reason, Zachary went to the manor court in 1717 and asked for (and was granted) a Recovery, so that he could leave his property to his heirs and assigns, instead of his and Bridget’s direct descendants. When his daughter Elizabeth inherited the property in October 1724, it was then described as ‘One Messuage house in Caldecott with a Kitchen Stables Barns Orchards and Garden Places thereto belonging’. This is the only instance in which specific mention of a kitchen has been foun

4 The Revd Zachary Rue (Rew), son of Samuel Rue of Melton Mowbray, Leics, was a graduate of St John's College, Cambridge, was licensed to a curacy at Wellingborough in 1668 and became headmaster of the Grammar School there 1669–73. In 1672 he was presented to the living

Person: Rue, Zachary (1667 - 1724)

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Comments

EDUCATION EVENTS

BA : Cambridge / St John's

MA

ORDINATION EVENTS

priest : 03/03/1667 (Hacket, John/Coventry & Lichfield 1661-1670)

APPOINTMENT EVENTS

Preacher : Madeley (00/03/1667)

Vicar : Lyddington with Caldecote (14/03/1673 - 04/06/1724)

DEATH EVENTS

Death (04/06/1724)

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Wells remained at the school only three years. Then, after an interval of some months during which Zachary Rue, M.A., vicar of Liddington, Rutland, was in temporary charge, William Wakeman, B.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, became headmaster. But in 1678 the corporation paid him thirty-five pounds to resign,[8] and in the following year this succession of brief headmasterships was brought to a close by the appointment of William Thomas, B.A. (later M.A.), of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Although still a young man

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►John Beech c1647-.... **1676**
b c1647 Bucknall, Staffs
m Mary .....; i *relicta John Beech, clericus* 8 Oct 1701

i "*huius opidi Pastor*" 23 Jun 1684 Betley
(educated at Barthomley, Cheshire)
(admitted sizar at Christ's, Cambridge) 1667 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1667
(B.A.) 1670.1
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 27 Feb 1669.70
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 2 Mar 1672
(licensed preacher by Lichfield) 4 Mar 1672
(?Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 23 Nov 1676
chn: Joseph Beech i 6 Oct 1678 Betley
Mary Beech c 28 Oct 1680 Betley
John Beech i 10 Feb 1682.3 Betley
Ruth Beech c 25 Mar 1684 Betley

►Daniel Sutton c1660-.... **1690-?1694**
b c1660 *son of John Sutton of Newton, Cheshire p.p.*
(aged 18, matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford) 10 May 1678 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 26 Jan 1681.2
(Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs) 1690-1694
- (appointed) 1690
- (resigned) 1694 [VENN]
(admitted pensioner at Jesus, Cambridge) 25 Jun 1696 [VENN]
(incorporated at Oxford)
(Parochial Curate, Blurton, Staffs) ?1695- 16 Jul 1697
- (probably appointed) 1695
- (suspended) 16 Jul 1697
(M.A.) 1696

►Nathaniel Williams (P.C. of Keele, Staffs) c1660-.... **1696-1722**
b c1660
m Frances -----
(called B.A.) [X FOSTER/VENN]
(Stipendiary Curate, Lower Mitton, Worcs)
- (in office) 25 Mar 1693.4
(Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs) ?1696
- (in office) 1694-1700 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 47]
- (called "curate, de Betley") 6 Jan 1699.1700 PR
(Master, Betley Parish School, Staffs)
- (as B.A., licensed) 24 Jul 1696
(Parochial Curate & Preacher, Keele, Staffs) 24 Jul 1696-1722
- (licensed) 24 Jul 1696
- (in office) 1722 [1915]
(Master, Keele Parish School, Staffs)
- (licensed) 24 Jul 1696
chn: Nathaniel Williams b c1690 Betley; i 1 Dec 1708 Cambridge All Saints; (educated at Keele under his father); (aged 16, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 29 Jun 1706; (matriculated) 1706
Ottiwell Williams b 27 Dec 1699; c 6 Jan 1699.1700 Betley
Elizabeth Williams i 14 Nov 1701 Betley

►John Blackbourne e1662-.... **c1702**
(Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) c1702 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 47]

►Anthony Williams e1680-.... **c1704**
(as literate, ordained deacon by Lichfield) 19 Sep 1703
(Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) c1704 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 47]

►George Salt e1666- **1706-1734**
(Parochial Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office) 1706-34 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 47]

Samuel Norris c1711-.... **1734-....**
b c1711 *son of Edward Norris of Manchester, Lancs commoner*
(aged 18, matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford) 21 Nov 1729 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1733
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 Sep 1734
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 23 Sep 1734-a1742
- (subscribed on appointment) 23 Sep 1734
- (replaced in office) a1742
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 21 Sep 1735
(M.A., St John's, Cambridge) 1742 [VENN]

►John Salt c1678-1742 **....-1742**
b c1678 Staffs
i 31 Mar 1742 Audley
(admitted sizar at Corpus Christi, Cambridge) 1694 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1695
(B.A.) 1698.9
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1 Nov 1704
(ordained priest by Chester) 3 Jun 1705
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 3 May 1721-d
- (appointed) 3 May 1721
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) p1734-d
- (appointed) p1734

►Brian Wharton 1706-1750 **1742-1750**
c 29 Jan 1705.6 Ashley *son of Theophilus Wharton of Ashley, Staffs commoner and Elizabeth (.....)*
d 20 Sep 1750; i 24 Sep 1750 Audley
(aged 19, matriculated from Exeter College, Oxford) 7 Mar 1725.6
(B.A.) 1729
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 Jun 1730
(ordained priest by Chester) 22 Aug 1733
(Stipendiary Curate, Ashley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 22 Jun 1730
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 22 Jul 1742-d
- (presented by Elizabeth Tollet 1694-1754 [SLG])
- (subscribed on appointment) 22 Jul 1742
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 22 Jul 1742-d
- (subscribed on appointment) 22 Jul 1742

►Charles Cradock 1726-1753 **1750-1753**
b 12 Nov 1726; c 27 Nov 1726 Betley *son of John Cradock of Betley, Staffs gentleman c1686-1758* ***[SLG]*** *and Anastasia (.....)*
(had no chn)
d 22 Jun 1753; i 25 Jun 1753 Audley
(aged 19, matriculated from Queens, Oxford) 15 Nov 1744 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1749
(ordained deacon) 23 Dec 1750
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 23 Dec 1750
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 24 Dec 1750-d
- (presented by George Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1725-1779 **[SLG]**)
- (appointed) 24 Dec 1750
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 24 Dec 1750-d
- (presented by George Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1725-1779 **[SLG]**)
- (appointed) 24 Dec 1750

►William Wright c1720-1782 **1753-1766**
i 9 Feb 1782 Audley
(Schoolmaster, Audley, Staffs) 15 Sep 1740-d
- (subscribed on appointment) 15 Sep 1740
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 23 Sep 1744
(Stipendiary Curate, Audley, Staffs) 24 Sep 1744
- (subscribed on appointment) 24 Sep 1744
(ordained priest by Lichfield, to title of Talk-on-the-Hill) 21 Sep 1745
(Stipendiary Curate, Talk-on-the-Hill, Staffs)
- (as "curate of Talk o' the Hill", signed Audley parish register)
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 10 Dec 1753-a 12 Jul 1766
- (presented by George Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1725-1779 **[SLG]**)
- (instituted) 10 Dec 1753
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 10 Dec 1753-a20 Sep 1766
- (appointed) 10 Dec 1753
(Perpetual Curate, Talk-on-the-Hill, Staffs) ?1766-d
[???]
m Ann .....
chn: Ann Wright c 4 Apr 1742 Audley
John Wright c 8 Jan 1744 Audley
Sampson Wright c 4 Apr 1747 Audley
Sarah Wright c 25 Oct 1750 Audley
[?] Thomas Wright b c1755 **[SCD]**

►James Oates c1741-?1784 **1766-1778**
b c1741
d ?1784
(probably a kinsman of Isabel Tollet née Oates, mother of George Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1725-1779 **[SLG]**)
(as "academic student", ordained deacon by Sodor & Man) 21 Dec 1765
(Stipendiary Curate, Marown, Isle of Man)
- (nominated) 10 Nov 1765
(as "of the Isle of Man", ordained priest by Lichfield) 29 Jun 1766
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) Jun 1766-a1 Jul 1778
- (appointed) 20 OR 30 Jun 1766
- (as Curate, signed parish register) 1767-78
- (resigned) a1 Jul 1778
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 12 Jul 1766-?d
- (presented by George Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1725-1779 **[SLG]**)
- (instituted) 12 Jul 1766
- (presented at Talk-on-the-Hill) 1782

►Joshua Stonehewer 1736-1790 **1778-1784**
c 17 Aug 1736 Biddulph *son of Joshua Stonehewer of Biddulph, Staffs gentleman and Jane (.....)*
m Elizabeth dau of Thomas Lowndes and Mary (.....); m1 13 Feb 1760 Astbury, Cheshire: Thomas Hollins of Barthomley c1728-1767; c May 1736 .....; (and had chn: John Hollins c 13 Jan 1761 .....)
d 12 Jan 1780; i 15 Jan 1790 Audley
(aged 17, matriculated from Worcester College, Oxford) 10 Oct 1753 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1758
(M.A.) 1768
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 17 May 1761
(Stipendiary Curate, Blurton, Staffs)
- (appointed) 18 May 1761
(Perpetual Curate, Newchapel, Staffs)
- (presented by Sarah Crewe widow, Mary Alsager spinster & Ralph Sneyd Esquire)
- (licensed) 4 Aug 1777
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 3 Sep 1778-a17 Jun 1784
- (presented by George Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1725-1779 **[SLG]**)

- (licensed) 3 Sep 1778
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 17 Jun 1784-d
- (presented by Charles Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire c1727-a1796 **[SLG])**
- (instituted) 17 Jun 1784
[DETAILS OF WIFE AND FAMILY FROM INTERNET UNVERIFIED]
chn: Elizabeth Stonehewer c 6 Jun 1774 .....; d a1819
Jane Stonehewer c 19 Mar 1776 .....; m ..... Armitt

►Weston Bayley 1757-1812 **1784-1808**
c 25 Mar 1757 Leek *son of John Bayley of Leek, Staffs solicitor and Margaret (.....)*
m 26 Aug 1780 Elizabeth dau of Humphrey Felton of Market Drayton
d 1812
(admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 13 Feb 1775 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1775
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Feb 1780
(ordained priest by Chester) 5 Aug 1781
(Stipendiary Curate, Barthomley, Cheshire) 1781
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 17 Jun 1784-a13 Dec 1808
- (presented by Charles Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire c1727-a1796 **[SLG])**
- (as Curate/Minister, signed parish register) 1784-1793
(sometime of Wheelock Hall, Clayhanger Hall, Cheshire, Broughton Hall, Flints, and of Wormsley Grange, Herefs)

►Isaac Pennington c1757-1820 **1809-1820**
m (by licence) 26 Mar 1790 Betley: Hannah .....; m1 ..... Willdigg
d a27 Jun 1820
(as literate, ordained priest by Lichfield) 9 Jun 1782
(Stipendiary Curate, Bucknall & Bagnall, Staffs)
- (licensed) 9 Jun 1782
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (licensed) 30 Jun 1795
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 25 Jan 1809-d
- (presented by George Embury LATER Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire c1767-1855 [SLG])
- (licensed) 25 Jan 1809
chn: Hannah Pennington b 9 Feb 1791; c 11 Sep 1791 Betley
Frances Pennington b 18 Jul[sic] ?1792; c 16 Jun 1793 Betley
Thomas Pennington b c1693; i *aged 1* 22 Jan 1795 Betley
Thomas Pennington b c1695; i 20 Jan 1796 Betley
Sarah Pennington b 20 Sep 1796; d 10 Oct 1796 Betley

►Henry Turton 1786-1861 **1820-1861**
b 7 Jun 1785 *youngest son of John Turton of Clapham, Surrey and of Sugnall Hall, Staffs Esquire*
m Harriet Elizabeth eldest dau of Francis Hickin Northen of Lea House
d 26 Oct 1861
(educated at Ashbourn under Mr Belcher)
(Cadet, Madras Cavalry) 1803
(Cornet) 1804
(Lieutenant, 6th Madras Native Infantry) ....-1815
(admitted fellow commoner at Sidney, Cambridge) 25 Jun 1815 [VENN]
(matriculated) Lent 1816
(B.A.) 1820
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 1820-d
- (presented by George Embury LATER Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire c1767-1855 [SLG])
(M.A.) 1824
- (aged 63, b Staffs, ("Vicar of Betty[sic]", visiting his sister Mary Anne Plummer at Little Stanmore, Middx) 1851 C
chn: Francis William Turton c 28 Jan 1831 Betley
Julia Turton c 18 Mar 1832 Betley

Henrietta Theodosia Turton c 10 Oct 1833 Betley
Henry Hobhouse Turton c 8 Dec 1834 Betley
Ralph Lancelot Turton c 18 Aug 1839 Betley
Amelia St George Turton c 22 Nov 1840 Betley; m 19 Sep 1865 Spencer Fellows 1835-1924 **[SCD]**
Harriet Catharine Turton c 22 Nov 1840 Betley
Frances Mary Turton c 2 Feb 1845 Betley
Charles Arthur Turton c 31 Jan 1847 Betley

►**Herbert Harvey c1838-....** **1862-1876**
b c1838 *5th son of Henry Harvey of Hadley, Middx clerk*
(aged 18, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 19 May 1853
(B.A.) 1857
(ordained deacon by Chester) 1859
(Stipendiary Curate, Bebbington, Cheshire) 1859-61
(ordained priest by Chester) 1860
(Stipendiary Curate, Langar, Notts) 1861-2
(Perpetual Curate, Betley, Staffs) 1862-76
- (presented by C. Wicksted Esquire)
(M.A.) 1863
(Rector, Hinstock, Salop) 1876-

►**Sir Robert Boughey 7th Baronet 1843-1921** **1876-1921**
b 21 Mar 1843 *son of Sir Thomas Fletcher Fenton Boughey 3rd Baronet 1809-1880 and Louisa Paulina youngest dau of Thomas Giffard of Chillington in Brewood, Staffs Esquire*
(had no chn)
d 22 May 1921
(at Christ Church, Oxford)
(B.A.) 1865
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1866
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1867
(Stipendiary Curate, Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs) 1866-76
(Vicar, Betley, Staffs) 1876-d
- (presented by G.E. Wicksted)
(succeded his brother Sir William Fletcher Boughey 6th Baronet 1840-1912) 1912
[BP]

1921-1928

►**Wilfrid Grover Nightingale 1872-....** **1928-....**
b cFeb 1872 Lewes RD, Sussex
(Vicar, Betley, Staffs) 1928-p1936

Stipendiary Curates

►William Twemlow c1686-.... 1707
(Schoolmaster, Betley, Staffs)
- (as literate, appointed) 1 Apr 1707

►**William Furnivall c1688-....** **1717**
b Cheshire
(admitted sizar at Jesus College, Cambridge) 18 May 1706

(matriculated) 1706
(Schoolmaster, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 11 Apr 1717

►Robert Hancock e1698-.... **1738**
(?Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (in office, called Incumbent 1738 [HUTCHINSON (1893) 48]

►Charles Hunter c1712-1744 **1742**
c 7 Sep 1710 Lichfield St Mary *son of John Hunter c1674-1741* ***[SCD]*** *and Ann (Norton)*
d 1 Nov 1744 [Betley PR]; i 4 Nov 1744 Audley
Will (PCC) *Clerk of Betley* 19 Nov 1744
(aged 18, matriculated from University College, Oxford) 7 May 1730
(B.A.) 31 Jan 1733.4
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 23 Sep 1738
(Stipendiary Curate, Lichfield St Chad, Staffs)
- (subscribed on appointment) 25 Sep 1738
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 19 Sep 1742
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (subscribed on appointment) 20 Sep 1742

►John Lea 1727-a1813 **1750**
c *no mother stated* 16 Feb 1726.7 Newport *son of Samuel Lea ?1688-1773* ***[SCD]***
d a12 Jan 1813
(aged 19, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 3 May 1746 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 29 Jan 1749.50
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 16 Sep 1750
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 17 Sep 1750
(ordained priest by Lichfield, to title of Hinstock) 22 Sep 1751
(Stipendiary Curate, Hinstock, Salop)
(M.A.) 1752
(Usher, Newport Free School)
- (appointed) 14 Jun 1755
(Rector, Acton Burnell, Salop)
- (presented by his ?father Samuel Lea clerk)
- (instituted) 5 May 1758

►Richard Eddowes 1731-1780 **1754**
c 29 Aug 1731 Dilhorne *son of William Eddowes of Dilhorne, Staffs box-maker and Ann (.....)*
m 28 Aug 1758 Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics: Rose Beaumont
d 1 Apr 1780 Barrow-upon-Soar
(educated at Dilhorne under Mr Slade)
(aged 18, admitted sizar at St John's, Cambridge) 18 May 1750 [VENN]
(matriculated) 1750
(B.A.) 1754
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 9 Jun 1754
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 10 Jun 1754
(ordained priest by Lichfield, to title of Ravenstone, Leics) 21 Sep 1755
(Stipendiary Curate, Ravenstone, Derbys)
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chn: William Eddowes c 9 May 1759 Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics **[SCD]**

►Ralph Barnes c1732-.... **1757-1758**
b c1732 *son of Henry Barnes of London St Andrew armiger*
(aged 17, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 26 May 1749
(migrated to St Edmunds Hall, Oxford)

(B.A.) 1757
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 25 Sep 1757
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 26 Sep 1757
- (as Curate, signed parish register) 1757-8
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 24 Sep 1758
(M.A.) 1760

►Henry Brindley 1736-1819 **1759**
b 2 Jun 1736 *son of Henry Brindley of Rugeley, Staffs "gentleman" 1706-1777*
[? m 27 Dec 1790 Marden, Wilts: Ann Hunt]
m Susan .....; d cMay 1835 Pickwick, Wilts
d 4 Apr 1819 Lacock
(admited sizar at Christ's, Cambridge) 26 Jun 1754 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1754
(Scholar) 1754
(B.A.) 1758
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 24 Jun 1759
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 25 Jun 1759
(ordained priest by Lichfield, to title of Handsworth) 17 May 1761
(Stipendiary Curate, Handsworth, Staffs) ?1761
(M.A.) 1762
(Vicar, Holcombe Burnell, Devon) 1785-....
(Rector, Kellaways {Calloes}, Wilts)
(instituted an annual lecture on "Cruelty to the Brute Creation")

(4 Apr 1819) At Lacock, Hants, at an advanced age, the Rev. Henry Brindley, Vicar of Holcomb Burnell, Devon, and rector of Calloes, Wilts. He was of Christ's College, Cambridge, A. B. 1758, A. M. 1762. Mr. B. was the benevolent institutor of an annual Lecture on Cruelty to the Brute Creation, and his strenuous exertions in the cause of humanity were as universal as his liberality was extensive. [GENT.MAG]

►Thomas Fletcher 1725-.... **1760**
c 21 Apr 1725 Hartington *son of Joseph Fletcher of Stearndale in Hartington, Derbys and Mary (.....)*
(educated at Tideswell under Mr Goddard)
(aged 18, admitted sizar at Christ's, Cambridge) 9 Apr 1743
(matriculated) 1743
(Scholar) 1744
(B.A.) 1746.7
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1 Jun 1760
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (as B.A., of Christ's, Cambridge, appointed) 2 Jun 1760
- (as Curate, signed parish register) 1760
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 17 May 1761

►Samuel Buckley c1727-.... **1762**
(called B.A.) [X FOSTER/VENN]
(Schoolmaster, Acton Free GS, Cheshire)
- (in office) 30 Jun 1747 & 16 Sep 1754
(as B.A., ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 Dec 1753
(Stipendiary Curate, Baddiley, Cheshire)
- (licensed) 16 Sep 1754
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 15 Sep 1754
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (appointed) 2 Sep 1762
- (as Curate, signed parish register) 1762

?Henry Salmon e1733-.... **1770**

(Perpetual Curate, Calverhall, Salop)
- (appointed) 19 Oct 1763
[? (Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)]
[- (as H---- Salmon, Curate "pro hac vice", signed parish register) 1770

►William Hickin 1752-1833 **1775**
c 27 Jun 1752 Gnosall *son of John Hickin of Audmore in Gnosall, Staffs farmer and Mary (Cotton)*
m Catherine ..... [? 15 Apr 1784 Derby All Saints: Catherine Whitby]
i 8 Jan 1833 Audley
(aged 18, admitted pensioner at Magdalene, Cambridge) 15 May 1771
(educated at Repton, scholar) 1771
(matriculated) Easter 1772
(B.A.) 1775
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 16 Jul 1775
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs) 16 Jul 1775
- (licensed) 16 Jul 1775
- (as Curate, signed parish register) 1775
(Stipendiary Curate, Haughton, Staffs)
- (in office) 14 Jan 1781 [induction of Vernon Yonge at Haughton]
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 27 Jun 1790
(Vicar, Audley, Staffs) 28 Jun 1790-d
- (presented by Charles Tollet of Betley, Staffs Esquire 1727-....)
- (instituted) 28 Jun 1790
(Perpetual Curate, Ellenhall, Staffs) 24 Sep 1817-d
- (presented by Thomas Adams LATER Anson 1st Viscount Anson 1767-1818)
- (licensed) 24 Sep 1817
chn: Elizabeth Hickin c 27 OR 28 Aug 1788 Gnosall
William Hickin c 7 Jun 1790 Gnosall **[SCD]**

►John Armitstead c1735-.... **1788**
m (by licence) 14 Nov 1787 Betley: Catherine Fenton spinster
(as literate, ordained deacon by York *pro* Lichfield) 2 Mar 1760
(Stipendiary Curate, Coxwold, Yorks)
- (licensed) 3 Mar 1760
(ordained priest by York) 21 Sep 1760
(Vicar, Easingwold, Yorks)
- (presented by Chester)
- (instituted) 1 Jan 1771
(as literate, ordained priest by Lichfield) 22 Jun 1788
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (licensed) 23 Jun 1788
chn: John Armitstead b & c 29 Aug 1788 Betley

►Isaac Pennington c1757-1820 **1795**
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (licensed) 30 Jun 1795
[above]

►Daniel Wheeler c1804-?1887 **1827-1828**
b c1804 *son of Daniel Wheeler of Wokingham, Berks gentleman*
d ?1887
(aged 18, matriculated from St Edmund Hall, Oxford) 24 May 1822 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1826
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 21 Oct 1827
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs)
- (licensed) 21 Oct 1827 & 2 Nov 1828
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 2 Nov 1828
(Stipendiary Curate, Blagdon, Soms)
- (licensed) 18 Mar 1830

chn: [?] William H. Wheeler

►**Spencer Fellows 1835-1924** **1860-1862**
b 9 Jul 1835 *8th son of Thomas Fellows of Rickmansworth, Herts*
m 19 Sep 1865 Amelia St George dau of Henry Turton 1786-1861 **[SCD];** c 22 Nov 1840 Betley
d 10 Feb 1924 "Crawfordton", Thornhill, Dumfriesshire ; i Pulham
(educated at Westminster)
(aged 18, matriculated from Oriel, Oxford) 8 Jul 1854
(aged 22, admitted pensioner at Magdalene, Cambridge) 2 Jan 1857
(matriculated) Lent 1857
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1860
(ordained priest by Chester) 1861
(Stipendiary Curate, Betley, Staffs) 1860-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Devizes, Wilts) 1862-4
(Stipendiary Curate, Poulshot, Wilts) 1864-5
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Zeals Green, Wilts) 1865-79
(Chaplain, Depwade Union) 1871-p1906
(Rural Dean, Redenhall) 1899-1915
(surrogate)
(Rector, Pulham St Mary Magdalen, Harleston, Norfolk) 1870-1917
(in retirement of "Crawfordton", Thornhill, Dumfriesshire)
chn: Arthur C. Fellows (at Cambridge) 1889